

23 September, 2009.

LLANELLI RURAL COUNCIL

Minute Nos: 238 – 247

At a Meeting of the **FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE** of the Llanelli Rural Council held at the Council Chamber, Vauxhall Buildings, Vauxhall, Llanelli, on Wednesday, 23 September, 2009, at 4.45 p.m.

Present: Cllr. L. J. Butler (Chairman)

Cllrs.

M. V. Davies	C. A. Rees
S. M. Donoghue	B. C. M. Reynolds
T. Devichand	A. C. Thomas
T. Rh. Ifan	V. R. Thomas

238. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. S. M. Caiach, H. J. Evans and T. J. Jones (Cllr. S. M. Donoghue deputising).

239. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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246(2)(e)	T. Devichand	Personal and prejudicial interest - Trustee, Llanelli Citizens' Advice Bureau
246(2)(r)	L. J. Butler	Personal and prejudicial interest - Co-ordinator, Communities First Llwynhendy
246(2)(q)	A. C. Thomas	Personal interest - Council's Representative, Friends of Llanelli Museum

**240. AMENDED STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS
(CONSOLIDATED) 2008/09**

Pursuant to Minute No. 115, Members were circulated with the amended Statement of Accounts (Consolidated) year ended 31 March, 2009.

RESOLVED that the amended Consolidated Statements of Accounts for the financial year 2008/09, be received and adopted.

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241. AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2008/09

Members were circulated with 'the report to those charged with governance' 2008/09, which gave an opinion on the accuracy and fairness of the accounting statements and related notes. A letter of representation to be signed by the Responsible Financial Officer (Deputy Clerk (Administration)) was also circulated for approval.

RESOLVED that the report be accepted and that the Deputy Clerk (Administration) be authorised to sign the letter of representation.

242. FINANCIAL REPORTS

RESOLVED that the Committee Reports for the Administration and Training Departments for August 2009, be noted.

243. SCHEDULES OF PAYMENTS

Consideration was given to the Schedules of Payments for the Administration Department and the Training Department for July and August 2009 respectively, (copies of which had been previously circulated to Members) which revealed that the expenditure amounted to £146,273.94, £135,975.47, £63,521.34 and £63,210.56 respectively.

RESOLVED that the reports be noted.

**244. INTERNAL AUDIT REPORT
(FIRST INTERIM) 2009/10**

Members were circulated with the above report received from the Director, Auditing Solutions Ltd., which concluded that there were no matters requiring attention.

RESOLVED that the Internal Audit Report (First Interim) 2009/10, be noted.

245. VAT PARTIAL EXEMPTION

Members were circulated with correspondence received from Accounting Solutions from DCK Beavers Ltd., informing that the Moratorium for partial exemption calculations ended on 31 March, 2009. Whilst no partial exemption calculation needed to be submitted for 2008/09, this was a requirement for 2009/10.

Representatives were working to get the limit increased, however there was no guarantee that this would be successful. There was therefore, a possibility of a loss of VAT recovery for 2009/10.

RESOLVED to engage the services of DCK Beavers Ltd. to undertake the VAT partial exemption calculation for 2009/10.

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246. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Cllrs. T. Devichand and L. J. Butler declared a personal and prejudicial interest in items (2)(e) and (2)(r) respectively, as Cllr. Devichand was a Trustee of Llanelli Citizens' Advice Bureau and Cllr. Butler a Co-ordinator with Communities First Llwynhendy. Both Members withdrew for the meeting before discussion of their respective organisations commenced. (As the Vice-Chairman of Committee was not in attendance, Cllr. C. A. Rees was nominated as Chair Pro-Tempore and chaired the meeting whilst item (2)(r) was discussed). Cllr. A. C. Thomas declared a personal interest in item (2)(q) as he was this Council's representative on the Friends of Llanelli Museum.

Consideration was given to the report of the Deputy Clerk (Administration) and applications received for financial assistance and, it was

RESOLVED as follows:-

- (a) Llanelli & Districts' Association for Spina-Bifida and Hydrocephalus – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (b) Heart of Wales Travellers' Association – Llanelli Station – that a contribution of £50 be made ;
- (c) Llanelli Air Raise – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (d) Cruse Bereavement Care – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (e) Llanelli Citizens' Advice Bureau – that the application be noted;
- (f) Amman Valley Dementia Carers Support Group – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (g) B. Williams – 'Festival of Stars' Competition, Glasgow - that the application be noted;
- (h) Carmarthenshire Older People's Partnership – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (i) Urdd Gobaith Cymru – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (j) W.K.C. Welsh Kickboxing Team – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (k) Shelter Cymru – that the application be noted;
- (l) Guide Dogs – Llanelli & District Branch – that a contribution of £75 be made;
- (m) Carmarthenshire Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (n) 1st Llanelli Scout Group – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (o) Llanelli Historical Society – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (p) Girlguiding Carmarthenshire – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (q) Friends of Llanelli Museum – Musical Evening at Stradey Castle – that the application be noted;
- (r) Communities First Llwynhendy – Llwynhendy Samba Band – that the application be noted;
- (s) Wales Air Ambulance – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (t) Bobath Children's Therapy Centre Wales – that a contribution of £100 be made;
- (u) Fforest Uchaf Horse & Pony Centre & Pit Pony Sanctuary – that a contribution of £25 be made;
- (v) Age Concern Carmarthenshire – that a contribution of £50 be made;
- (w) The Sea Cadets – TS Echo – Mini Bus – that a contribution of £50 be made.

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247. LLANELLITOWN.COM BROCHURE 2009

Members considered email correspondence regarding a social enterprise set up by people from Llanelli with the aim of ‘the regeneration and continuing development of Llanelli and District by the promotion of the area through all forms of media, activities and events’.

During discussion, Members felt that website sponsorship would not be appropriate as the Council had developed its own website, however support for the organisation was considered and it was

RECOMMENDED that the Council become a member of Llanellitown.com.

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The Meeting concluded at 5.40 p.m.

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The afore-mentioned Minutes were declared to be a true record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman presiding thereat and were, on 13 October, 2009, adopted by the Council.